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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Council on Underserved Communities, Re-Establishment

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

ACTION: Notice of re-establishment of Council on Underserved Communities.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act and its implementing regulations, SBA is issuing this notice to announce the re-establishment of its Council on Underserved Communities. This advisory committee is being re-established to help the agency identify and address needs of small businesses in underserved urban and rural communities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the Council on Underserved Communities may be directed to Dan Jones, telephone (202) 205-7583, fax (202) 481-6536, email dan.jones@sba.gov or mail, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, S.W. 7th Floor, Washington DC 20416.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to its authority in section 8(b)(13) of the Small Business Act, (15 U.S.C. § 637(b)), SBA is re-establishing the Council on Underserved Communities. This discretionary committee is being re-established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.).

The Council provides advice, ideas and opinions on SBA programs and services and issues of interest to small businesses in underserved communities. Its members provide an essential connection between SBA and small businesses in inner city and rural communities. The Council's scope of activities includes reviewing SBA current programs and policies, while working towards creating new and insightful place-based initiatives to spur economic growth, job creation, competitiveness, and sustainability.

Council members bring a number of important points of views to the Council: an understanding of the barriers to success for small business owners in underserved communities; experience working in and operating businesses in urban and rural underserved communities; challenges regarding access to capital; knowledge and experience in training and counseling entrepreneurs in underserved communities; and associations representing owners of small business in underserved communities.

The Council has a total of twenty (20) members, 19 members-at-large and one Chair. Members consist of current or former small business owners, community leaders, officials from small business trade associations, and academic institutions. Members represent the interests of underserved communities across the country, both rural and urban.

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SBA Committee Management Officer.

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